

REMARKS

This reply is fully responsive to the Examiner's Amendment and the Notice of Allowance dated June 27, 2006, and is filed within three - (3) months following the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance, before the payment of the issue fee.

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Applicant notes, with great appreciation, the Examiner Interview given to the Applicant's representative, the Examiner's Amendment to the claims, and the allowance of claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, and 12 – 13.

10 Description/Claims Status Summary:

The title of the present application has been amended.

Claims 1 to 14 are pending.

Claim 1 to 3, 5 to 7, and 12 – 13 are allowed.

Claims 4, 8 – 11, and 14 are canceled without prejudice.

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The title of the present application was amended with the previously filed reply (May 25, 2005) to the Office Action (November 28, 2005). However, the newly amended title was not entered, and is not correctly reflected on the papers from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Accordingly, Applicant

20 respectfully requests that the newly correct title of the present application be entered and reflected on all USPTO forms in accordance with the amendment within this reply.

Applicant appreciates and thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, and 12 – 13.

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With this reply, Applicant has canceled claims 4, 8 to 11, and 14 without prejudice in respect of applicant's rights or in any way to create an estoppel preventing Applicant from arguing allowability of the canceled claims in further off-spring applications, including continuation(s).

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the above amendment/remarks, all claims are now in allowable condition.

5 In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicant or Applicant's representative would be beneficial, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

10 The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to the attached credit card form. The petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-2738 if a credit card form has not been included with this correspondence or if the credit card could not be charged.

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